



# Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2003, 6:30 p.m.  
Mayor's Ceremonial Room

**Members Present:** Randy Akes, Jr., Manuel Carrasco, David McNiel, Jay Dyer, Jacob Hernandez, Tom Martin, Ernie Hautala, Rita Norton, Erin House, Christina Duran, Marie Leggette, Barbara Brown, Nancy Hart, Wivory Brandle, Araceli Moore

**Members Excused:** Richard Burns, Claudia Johnson, Phyllis Wells, Jaime Hurtado, Dana Kruckenberg

**Members Unexcused:** None.

**Guests:** Tim Connacher, Paul Chavez, William Turpin, Chaim Turpin

**Staff:** Eva Webster, Director of Office of Neighborhoods

## 1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Manuel Carrasco at 6:35 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

## 2. Approval of Minutes: Manuel Carrasco, Chairman

Motion to approve minutes of December 2, 2002, with the following correction: Item 5(a), second sentence should begin with: "In particular, an amendment was made to Subcommittee Chair Dyer's recommendation to reflect that yearly events . . ."

(Martin/McNiel/Carried)

## 3. Introduction of new members

Wivory Brandle was introduced and welcomed to the board.

## 4. Presentation – Riverside Housing Development Corporation, *Overview of Housing Programs, Bruce Kulpa, Director*

Mr. Kulpa presented information about various housing programs sponsored by the City through RHDC such as CalHome, Housing Rehabilitation Program, Cop Next Door, Senior Grants, and Disability Grants. Questions and answers followed.

## 4. Subcommittee reports

### a. Riverside Neighborhood Conference subcommittee

Eva Webster gave the report on behalf of the committee members. The committee met early in the evening with members of UCR Office of Community and Governmental Relations, Park and Recreation Director Terry Nielsen, and Youth Action Office Coordinator Teresa McAllister to discuss possible workshop topics. Office of Neighborhoods staff made a site visit to UCR to select conference workshop rooms, etc. Staff presented a detailed timeline for the conference. Request was made for volunteers to assist with various conference responsibilities. David McNiel and Manuel Carrasco volunteered to be Sessions Coordinators, Wivory Brandle volunteered to be Exhibits Coordinator, Tom Martin and Rita Norton volunteered as Publicity Coordinators, and Shelly Moore, Jacob Hernandez, and Rita Nieto volunteered to assist as needed with bilingual translation. Discussion was had as to a Youth Track for the conference. The subcommittee recommends that the conference be open to High School aged youth and older.

**5. Office of Neighborhoods update**

Eva Webster reported that the RNP will be presenting its yearly update to the city council on March 25, and all members are encouraged to attend. Also, the Office of Neighborhoods and an interdepartmental team will be presenting to the city council on February 18 an update to the Strategic Actions for the Eastside.

**6. Future Agenda Items:**

Request made for an update from the Homeless Advisory Committee at the March meeting. Other topics for future meetings include Cops and Clergy presentation, Drug Abatement program presentation, Safe Streets Now presentation, Operation Safe Parks, issues surrounding train traffic and noise.

**7. Other Business/Public comment**

- William Turpin reported that he will be adding the Riverside Apartments to his management responsibilities and informed the board that the owner is trying to acquire Hampshire and Olivewood Terrace as well. He also reported on homeless issues surrounding Cape Cod/Riviera Arms Apartments. Mr. Turpin is also establishing a Super Neighborhood Watch group to include many apartment communities in the Magnolia Center area.

**8. Next Meeting: March 3, 2003, 6:30pm**

**9. Meeting adjourned**

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